

I. Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An anchoring device for disposition within an intervertebral space, comprising:

first and second end members, the first and second end members cooperating to slidably receive a prosthetic insertion device,

wherein the first and second end members each comprise

a first surface, at least one vertebral-engaging member extending from the first surface,

a second surface in an opposed relation to the first surface, a first sidewall, a second sidewall, and a back wall extending from the second surface to define a socket adapted to receive a portion of the prosthetic insertion device; and

at least one retention member moveable between a first position outside of the socket for allowing the portion of the prosthetic insertion device to slide within the socket and a second position at least partially within the socket to inhibit sliding of the portion of the prosthetic insertion device within the socket.

2. (Previously Presented) The anchoring device of claim 1 wherein the at least one retention member comprises at least one cam device.

3. (Previously Presented) The anchoring device of claim 2 further comprising an access hole for accessing the cam device.

4. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 1 wherein the at least one vertebral-engaging member is angled relative to the first surface.

5. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 1 wherein the at least one vertebral-engaging member comprises a sharp edge.

6. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 1 wherein the at least one vertebral-engaging member and the first surface are coated with a bone-growth promoting substance.

7. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 6 wherein the bone-growth promoting substance is hydroxyapatite.

8. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 6 wherein the at least one vertebral-engaging member and the first surface are roughened prior to being coated with the bone-growth promoting substance.

9. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 1 wherein the second member is inverted relative to the first member.

10. (Previously Presented) The anchoring device of claim 1 wherein the first and second sidewalls extend along the second surface from a front portion to a rear portion of the second surface.

11. (Previously Presented) The anchoring device of claim 10 wherein the first and second sidewalls are substantially parallel.

12. (Previously Presented) The anchoring device of claim 11 wherein the back wall extends substantially transverse to the first and second sidewalls.

13. (Original) The anchoring device of claim 1 further comprising a hole formed through each of the first and second end members.

14. (Currently Amended) An anchoring device for receiving a prosthetic insertion device, comprising:

a first end member, comprising:

a first surface in an opposed relation to a substantially parallel second surface;

a pair of vertebral-engaging members extending from the first surface, the vertebral-engaging members being angled towards one another;

a pair of flanges extending from the second surface, the flanges being angled towards one another to define a pair of elongated slots, the pair of elongated slots adapted to slidably receive a portion of the prosthetic insertion device; and

a pair of retaining devices positioned adjacent the elongated slots, the ~~locking~~ retaining devices moveable between a first position for allowing the prosthetic insertion device to slide within the pair of elongated slots and a second position for limiting the motion of the prosthetic insertion device within the pair of elongated slots;

a second end member cooperating with the first end member to slidably receive a the prosthetic insertion device, the second end member comprising:

a first surface in an opposed relation to a substantially parallel second surface;

a pair of vertebral-engaging members extending from the first surface, the vertebral-engaging members being angled towards one another;

a pair of flanges extending from the second surface, the flanges being angled towards one another to define a pair of elongated slots, the pair of elongated slots adapted to slidably receive a portion of the prosthetic insertion device; and

a pair of retaining devices positioned adjacent the elongated slots, the ~~locking~~ retaining devices moveable between a first position for allowing the prosthetic insertion device to slide within the pair of elongated slots and a second position for limiting the motion of the prosthetic insertion device within the pair of elongated slots.

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